
FEBRUARY 5, 1829.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Retrenchment, reported the following bill :

A BILL

Providing for the reduction of the interest on the United States' six per cent. stocks, and for the redemption thereof.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the holders of certificates of United States' stock, bearing an
4 interest of six per centum per annum, shall be allowed four
5 months from the passage of this act, within which time they
6 may transfer their stocks to the United States, and surrender
7 their certificates to the Secretary of the Treasury; and the
8 Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the Presi-
9 dent of the United States, is hereby authorized to receive
10 and cancel the same, and to issue to such holders new certi-
11 ficates, similar, in every respect, to those cancelled, except in
12 date; and that the rate of interest shall be reduced from six
13 to four and a half per centum per annum, payable quarterly;
14 and that the same shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the
15 Government, in the manner hereinafter provided.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of
2 the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to borrow,
3 at any time after the expiration of four months from the pas-
4 sage of this act, on the credit of the United States, a sum not
5 exceeding the amount of the six per cent. stocks of the
6 United States which may not have been exchanged under
7 the provisions of the first section of this act, at a rate of in-
8 terest, payable quarterly, not exceeding four and one half per
9 centum per annum, redeemable at the pleasure of the Go-
10 vernment, to be applied, in addition to the moneys which may
11 be in the Treasury at the time of borrowing the same, to pay
12 off and discharge such part of the six per cent. stock of the
13 United States as may remain unredeemed at that time.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be law-
2 ful for the Bank of the United States to lend the sum which
3 may be required under the second section of this act, or any
4 part thereof; and that it shall be deemed a good execution of
5 the said power to borrow, for the Secretary of the Treasury,
6 with the approbation of the President of the United States,
7 to cause to be constituted certificates of stock, signed by the
8 Register of the Treasury, or by a Commissioner of Loans
9 for the whole or any part of the amount which may be re-
10 quired, and to dispose of the same at or above their par value.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the certificates
2 of stock which may be issued under the authority of this

3 act shall be transferrable in the same manner as is provided
4 by law for the transfer of the six per cent. stocks to be re-
5 deemed ; that the stock thus issued shall bear an interest not
6 exceeding four and a half per centum per annum, payable
7 quarterly, and shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the Go-
8 vernment: *Provided*, That no reimbursement shall be made,
9 except for the whole amount of such certificates, nor until
10 after six months' public notice of such intended reimburse-
11 ment.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the same funds
2 which have heretofore been, and now are, pledged by law for
3 the payment of the interest, and for the redemption of the
4 stock which may be redeemed under the provisions of this
5 act, shall remain pledged, in like manner, for the payment of
6 the interest accruing on the stock issued under the authority
7 of this act, and for the redemption of the principal of the
8 same. And it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of
9 the Sinking Fund to cause to be applied and paid, out of the
10 said fund, quarterly, in each and every year, such sum and
11 sums as may be annually required to discharge the interest
12 accruing on the stock issued under the authority of this act.
13 The said Commissioners are also hereby authorized to ap-
14 ply, from time to time, such sum and sums, out of said fund,
15 as they may think proper, towards redeeming the principal of
16 the said stock, in conformity with the provisions of this act;

17 and such part of the annual sum of ten millions of dollars,
18 vested by law in the said Commissioners, as may be neces-
19 sary and required for the above purposes, shall be and con-
20 tinue appropriated to the payment of interest, and redemp-
21 tion of the public debt, until the whole of the stock which
22 may be created under the provisions of this act shall have
23 been redeemed.